

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION	DOCKET No.:	PF 53620
OF: HESSE ET AL.	CONFIRMATION No.:	7432
SERIAL No. 10/516,922	GROUP ART UNIT:	1621
FILED: DECEMBER 07, 2004	EXAMINER:	K. GALE
FOR: TWO-STAGE PROCESS FOR PREPARING BUTANEDIOL WITH INTER-MEDIATE REMOVAL OF SUCCINIC ANHYDRIDE		

Honorable Commissioner

for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.113(c) AND §1.116

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of January 10, 2007, it is respectfully requested that the following remarks and the attached amendments<sup>1)</sup> be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application.

It is further respectfully requested that a one month extension of time be granted in this case. The respective \$120.00 fee is paid by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including Extension of Time fees, to Deposit Account No. 14.1437. Please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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Encl.: CLAIM AMENDMENTS (Appendix I)

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1) Cf. the **Claim Amendments** set forth in Appendix I on pages 3 to 6 of this paper.